

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Ohio Will Receive More Than \$4 Million in Recovery Funds to Create Jobs Fighting Invasive Species

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has posted that it is releasing funding to Ohio's Sixth District as specified by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Twelve Ohio counties will receive a total of \$4,419,000 for invasive species projects as part of the Recovery Act. Nine of the counties are in Ohio's Sixth District. They are: Athens, Belmont, Gallia, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, Scioto, and Washington.

These projects will provide for public health and safety by restoring forestlands and rangelands damaged by invasive species. Invasive species affect the health of ecosystems by stressing the naturally-occurring species and competing with them for resources. These funds will be used to suppress and control species such as: kudzu, cogon grass, and hemlock woolly adelgid.

"Preserving ecosystems throughout Ohio's Sixth Congressional District will not only create jobs, but will also protect the health, diversity, and productivity of our forests," Wilson said.

The state of Ohio still has to determine how much money will be spent on each project in each county and will announce the project specifics at a later date.